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preponderance of the former, though among the latter we have to deplore some strange indications of a hereditary, endemic war-spirit among not a few Christians and even Christian Ministers! We trust the day is near when they will see and renounce so glaring a contradiction of the gospel of the Prince of Peace as some of them have exhibited. Indeed, what strange antics they have played! Exhorting men to "draw the sword, and throw away the scabbard!" Old bullets from our revolutionary war exultingly exhibited in a Christian pulpit by a Christian minister, and bought by one of his elders or deacons for \$1000 to be carried across the Atlantic into Hungary as a stimulus to bloodshed there!! If this be Christianity, what is Paganism on the same point? What *more* than this would a priest of Mars have said to Greek or Roman?

PEACE OPERATIONS.

LETTER FROM REV. TITUS COAN. — We have, at different times, sent out publications to the Sandwich Islands, and have received in return both words and deeds of encouragement, such as \$5 from one; \$10 from another; and \$100 in one instance from Mr. Coan's church of Native Christians. The following letter, though dated one year ago, and its publication necessarily delayed so long, has lost none of its force, and well deserves to be read and pondered:

Hilo, Hawaii, January 14, 1851.

Rev. G. C. BECKWITH, }
 Cor. Sec. A. P. S. }

My Dear Brother, — It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your most welcome favors of 16th April, and July 8th, 1850. The last, via San Francisco, was received first. The bundle of your Society's publications was also received. You know not, dear brother, how highly we prize these publications. They are like so many bright morning stars, all shedding their mild radiance on our dark planet, and all heralding in the dawn of a better day for our world. Their beams are surely borrowed from the Sun of Righteousness. They were kindled and irradiated by the Orb of Day. "The Book of Peace" is an admirable compilation. Many of its articles are written with close logic, incontrovertible argument, a moving eloquence, and a holy unction. I am also highly delighted with the Reviews of the Mexican War. They carry the clearness of demonstration, and are written in an excellent spirit. All these works are worth ten times their weight in gold. O that the *world* would read them! The "Peace Manual" is, of course, of the same character. The great desideratum is to secure the careful perusal of such productions. If the fierce warrior would rein in his rushing steed long enough to read a faithful, life-like essay on his profession, he would surely return to the charge with a lessened estimate of the glory of his prowess, the wisdom of his skill, and the justice of his cause. He would feel a check in his conscience, unless, indeed, his conscience had been plated with red-hot steel.

In a letter to one of the most conscientious and Christian captains in the U. S. Navy, I put the question, "Do you, Sir, feel satisfied that the profession of arms is consistent with the gospel and spirit of Jesus Christ?" He replied in substance as follows: — "I have ever thought that my profession was consistent with Christianity, and that I might as truly serve Christ on

board a man-of-war, and obeying the orders of my government, as in any other calling; but I confess that thrusting a bayonet into the body of an enemy does not seem quite consistent with loving him as myself." I greatly desired some of your publications to put into the hands of this esteemed gentleman—for his character was truly estimable, exhibiting much candor, intelligence, generosity, and Christian simplicity—but I had none on hand at the time. I did not fail, however, earnestly to recommend to him to peruse and read the "Book of Peace."

National vessels, of all classes, from the schooner of one hundred tons to the heavy "line-of-battle-ship," often visit this port, chiefly from England, France, and the United States. We also have from fifty to sixty whale ships annually, besides trading vessels, &c., from California. Thus we have had access to some twenty thousand seamen, officers, &c., within a few years past. It will give me more pleasure than I can express, to distribute your publications among these seamen, especially among commanders and officers of national vessels. I would like to put a set of your works in the library of every ship which visits our port. Of the books you sent me, one set is in our Seamen's Reading Room, one Review of the Mexican War is in the hands of a sea captain, one is still in my hands for lending to all who wish to read, and the Manuals, &c., are being distributed according to my best discretion.

I know not how ample your funds are, but suppose them to be limited. I pray God that they may be increased, till they shall be commensurate with your wants. Your works should be in the hands of all rulers, statesmen, officers, and men of influence. They should be in all war-ships, navy-yards, forts, camps, arsenals, and naval and military schools. They should enter all universities, colleges, seminaries, &c. They should find a place in every public and private library. They should visit every common and every Sabbath School, should be inmates of every nursery, and should be in the hands of every mother. They should be translated into the languages of all Christian nations, and scattered broadcast over every land, and every sea.

I feel an unutterably deep and deathless interest in this cause, for it is the cause of Christ. It is Heaven's true mission to man; and I feel pained at my very heart, I feel grieved and ashamed that, for more than a thousand years, the gospel of peace should have been so misread and misinterpreted as to give sanction to the diabolical practice of war, and to lead otherwise good and generous minds to sleep under the dark delusion, that the "*Prince of Peace*" may be propitiated with the sacrifices of the blood-stained, or may preside with complacency over the pomp, and the rage, and the fiendish carnage of the battle-field.

"Oh! 'tis glorious mischief when vice turns holy!"

One would think that your Society should never have been needed in a *Christian* community. All ministers and Christians who have truly and fully learned of Him who is meek and lowly of heart, will find enough in the New Testament, in the life and doctrines of its divine Author, to convince them of the absolute anti-christian character of war. If we study the true character of our Lord as seen in his universal law, his heavenly administration, the object of his earthly mission, as predicted by prophets, and announced by the heavenly hosts, the character of his doctrines, the example of his life, and the influence of his reign in the hearts of all who have drunk most deeply of his spirit, and who bear most of his image, we shall need no other arguments to convince us of the pure wickedness of the war-system, and no other monitors to prompt us to labor, and pray, and long for the removal of that burning curse from our world. O that all ministers and Christians saw this subject in its true light, and *felt* the weight of their own solemn responsibilities in this matter.

Your excellent letter to this church was read and translated to them, and listened to with delightful interest. Our good people greatly rejoice in the prosperity of the peace cause; for it is, as you well say, the *Missionary* cause. It is the very cause in which Heaven's great Missionary engages, and for which he left his throne of glory; and as long as you employ your strength and your heart in this good work, you are a Missionary of the Lord Jesus, no matter in what clime, or in what land your lot is cast.

God speed you in your gracious work. My whole heart is with you, and your compatriots. Take courage, and faint not. Your cause is the cause of Heaven, and it must prevail. You are struggling in a glorious warfare. The conflict will be long and heavy, and many a recruit may faint or flee in despair, and many a stout heart may tremble, and many a veteran may fall in the contest; but the *issue is certain*. He who rides upon the white horse, and who marshals and leads the white-robed armies of heaven, must conquer. And be assured, dear brother, that if you and your comrades gird on your armor, keep the field, and are faithful unto death, you will receive laurels more unfading, and crowns more glorious, than ever adorned the brows of the Cæsars, the Alexanders, and the Napoleons of our world.

You say feelingly, "It is all *up hill* work." This is true; and it is also true of every good work. Look at the cause of human freedom, of temperance, of purity, of Christianity. Every inch of ground is contested, and every line of progress costs a pang and a struggle. This simple fact is almost enough to stamp any enterprise in our wicked world as divine. On every line of march pursued by the Christian soldier, he is met, and his ground disputed by the strong powers of darkness. The reverse is true of sin. This is all *down-hill* work. The Lord give us strength and patience to struggle upward, though the way be steep and tedious, rather than yield to the forces which are bearing the multitudes down the broad way to ruin.

Our church observed the peace concert on the 25th of December, and you and your associates in this cause were heartily remembered. Our church gives full assent to the doctrines of your Society, or rather to the teachings of Christ and the Spirit on this subject. *Any consistent member of this Church would feel as much at liberty to steal, rob, murder, &c., as to go to war.* These doctrines, thoroughly inculcated and heartily received, we consider to be the bulwarks of our little kingdom. A belligerent spirit, once rife among our people, would soon blot out all the good which has been done in this land. It would consume the nation. In all their difficulties, therefore, with foreign powers, we teach them a calm, imperturbable non-resistance, as to *physial* combat, but a *moral* resistance to all that is wrong, as firm and unshaken as the pillars of heaven. Are we right? And why will not all Christian nations, the strong and the weak, learn that in this spirit alone lies their true dignity, their true glory, and their real safety?

I shall be happy always to receive the "Advocate of Peace," either a single copy, or any number of copies you may be able judiciously to send me. One copy I shall put, if received, into our Seamen's Library, and other copies could be given to ships which visit our port, all of which I endeavor to furnish with tracts and other useful reading matter, such as I can procure. From the Bible, Tract, and Seaman's Friend Societies, we receive prompt and generous help in this department of our labors. Our circumstances and our facilities for using your Society's publications, are now understood, in some manner, at least, by you; and to your discretion I now leave the question, as to what amount of peace volumes, periodicals, &c., you can judiciously send me for distribution, in view of the funds of which you are almoners, and the wide and widening fields you wish to bless with the beams of peace.

Our church is poor ; but for this we do not mourn, if we may but persuade them to be *rich in faith*, and ready to every good work. We are debtors to all men, and we wish to do good to all, as we have opportunity and ability. We raise from five hundred to seven hundred dollars annually for foreign objects of benevolence, besides expending about a thousand more on domestic objects, building and repairing houses of worship, &c. To the American Board we make our largest donations. We have also sent to the A. S. F. S., the A. T. S., and the A. B. S., each one hundred dollars. Should the Lord spare my life, and continue me in this field, you shall hear from us again in due time. With the widow's heart, we hope to send you once more the widow's mite in the course of two or three years.

May you be cheered and blessed in all your labors of love. May the cause in which you toil and pray, take a deep and unyielding hold of the hearts of all good men, and may the spirit of peace direct all your efforts to do good, until nations cease to lift up sword against nations, and learn war no more. Say to your beloved Society, we hail her as a *rising* star — we watch her as she ascends the eastern sky — we welcome her soft radiance as it reaches our shores, and we long for the day when she shall ride, full-orbed, in the zenith, flooding the world with beams of peace. Then shall “the earth rest and be quiet, and break forth into singing.”

Your friend and brother in the gospel of peace,

TITUS COAN.

AGENTS. — Two have lately been appointed by our Committee ; one for New England, and the other for the West. The exigencies of our cause require an average of at least one such agent for every State.

PEACE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE WEST. — We are glad to see an active interest in our cause springing up in various parts of the West. We chronicled, some time since, the organization of a State Peace Society in Ohio ; and we have lately received an account of a similar organization in Illinois. A convention was held for the purpose at Chicago, Oct. 29, Rev. NELSON COOK in the Chair, and Rev. C. H. EATON, Secretary. An Auxiliary Peace Association was formed, with the Hon. CHARLES DURKEE for its President, and Rev. A. H. CONANT for its Corresponding Secretary. From the proceedings, and the spirited address to the Western public by its Secretary, we augur much good to our cause from its future operations. We earnestly hope such auxiliaries in this great and good work will in due time be organized, not only throughout the West, but over our whole country.

INDIVIDUAL CO-WORKERS. — We find, in the same and other sections of our country, individuals coming spontaneously to our aid, and rendering services for which they deserve our thanks. We discover here and there one in the extreme South, from which, if we had space, we would gladly publish a letter or two just received.

PUBLICATIONS. — The foregoing statements show the importance of our having constantly on hand an ample supply of our standard works for the friends of peace to use far and wide in promoting our cause. For this purpose our Committee have recently issued the following Circular : —

Dear Sir, — There has never been a time more auspicious than the present for efforts in the cause of peace ; and the press has ever been one of its chief instruments. The American Peace Society, with this view, has at different times stereotyped such works as the following : — 1. A series of nearly seventy Tracts, from such distinguished writers as ERAS-

MUS, WORCESTER, CHANNING, LADD, JONATHAN DYMOND, JOSEPH JOHN GURNEY, BOGUE, MALCOM, CHARLES SUMNER, Professor STEBBINS, &c. &c.; the very best documents on Peace in the English or any other language.—2. *The Peace Manual*, containing a great deal in the small compass of 252 pages, 18mo., and regarded by all our friends as very well fitted for circulation, especially in Sabbath schools and other popular libraries, among Editors, Teachers, and Christian Ministers.—3. Reviews of the Mexican War by JAY & LIVERMORE, the great merits of both which are well known.

Of nearly all these works, so essential as instruments in our cause, we now have few or none on hand, and are consequently unable to meet the calls for them which the growing interest for our cause in different parts of the country has lately brought to our office. These calls are among our most hopeful indications, and ought to be promptly met, and local depositories established to supply and create similar demands in future. This must be done, or the cause will greatly suffer. In view of such facts, our Committee have

“*Resolved*, That, finding our Society's standard publications nearly all out of print, with no funds in its treasury to issue new editions from its stereotype plates, and deeming it very important to keep constantly on hand a quantity sufficient to meet the increasing demands for gratuitous distribution, and to furnish depositories in different parts of the country, we would earnestly invite our friends to aid us in raising, for this purpose, \$5,000, if possible, in the course of 1852.”

Allow us, dear Sir, to hope for your aid in this effort, and to request, except where a servant of our Society may call, that you will forward to our office whatever you may be able and disposed to give. The sum proposed, must probably come from a comparatively few.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

CHARLES BROOKS, *Chairman*,
G. C. BECKWITH, *Cor. Secretary*.

Boston, 1852.

There is no need of seconding an appeal so obviously indispensable to the proper success of our cause; and we earnestly hope its friends will promptly respond in ample contributions to the object. Now is the seed-time of Peace. Shall the golden opportunity be lost? Shall we keep our hands folded until we find our country standing on the brink of another war, and see the war-spirit sweeping over the land like a hurricane of fire over a Western prairie?

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